<u>Remarks</u>

Applicant has amended claims to better define Applicant's invention structurally and in view of the prior art cited by the Examiner. It is believed that the amended claims distinguish the invention from the prior art in that they now clearly claims a novel and non-obvious transporter

The references cited by the examiner are all related to transporters of different construction and different application, as described below.

The present invention is directed to a transporter what includes a multi-function for the handicapped. The user may use the transported as a simple walker by gripping the handle or adjoining arms and maneuver comfortably about. Should the individual desire to utilize the transporter as a wheelchair or powered vehicle, the simple addition of a seat or a loading platform may be accomplished. the weight of the individual or the load added to the transporter causes the drive wheels into contact with the support surface (e.g. sidewalk) enabling the transporter to move about powered by the electrical motors and batteries. The use of bi-directional drives in the motors enables steering by differing rotational speed of the respective wheels, or by reducing the rotation to a stop for breaking. The drive wheels are preferably non rotatable unless under power by the control to provide positive breaking function.

None of the references cited or relied upon by the Examiner provides the combination of structure and function of Applicant.

Applicant now believes the Application to be in condition for an allowance and such is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, she is invited to call the undersigned at 901-537-1108.

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